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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: ZEMSKOV MEETING WITH RICHARDSON

SUMMARY: AT SOVIET REQUEST, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IGOR ZEMSKOV, ACCOMPANIED BY VOLSKIY AND TROFIMOV OF MFA AND SAKOVICH OF SOVEMBASSY, MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RICHARDSON. ZEMSKOV READ PREPARED STATEMENT, SEVERAL PAGES LONG, REVIEWING STATE OF US-USSR EXCHANGES IN PERFORMING ARTS, FILM, TELEVISION, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SPORTS. AREA OF GREATEST SOVIET CONCERN WAS FILM, WITH ZEMSKOV PRESSING FOR OPENING OF SOVEXPORT FILM OFFICE IN US. ZEMSKOV ALSO PROMOTED EXCHANGE OF SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND TEACHING OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE IN US. RICHARDSON RAISED POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGE OF LAWYERS. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA DELEGATION WAS RETURNING FROM SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA. FOR FIRST TIME, TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

RATHER THAN ONE-YEAR HAD BEEN SIGNED. EACH SIDE SATISFIED. ZEMSKOV WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RICHARDSON FROM UNESCO MEETINGS. ZEMSKOV ACKNOWLEDGED HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIRD BASKET DISCUSSIONS AT CSCE CONFERENCE. ZEMSKOV AND RICHARDSON AGREED THAT SECOND, MORE ACTIVE STAGE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN REACHED AS RESULT OF NIXON-BREZHNEV MEETINGS LEADING TO MORE EARNEST EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT EACH SIDE'S WISHES.

2. PERFORMING ARTS: ZEMSKOV READ OFF LIST OF US AND SOVIET PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS FOR 1973 TO SERVE AS EXAMPLE OF GOOD, SMOOTH CULTURAL RELATIONS WHICH ARE SURE TO DEVELOP FURTHER. NO PROBLEMS RAISED BY EITHER SIDE.

3. FILM: ZEMSKOV NOTED THAT WHILE MANY US FILMS SHOWN IN USSR, FEW SOVIET FILMS SHOWN IN US. RICHARDSON NOTED THAT HISTORY OF FILM EXCHANGES PROBLEMATIC AND THAT PART OF PROBLEM REFLECTS DIFFERENCES IN OUR SYSTEMS. ZEMSKOV ASSERTED THAT SOVIET FILM OFFICE IN US WOULD HELP CORRECT IMBALANCE BY WORKING DIRECTLY WITH COMMERCIAL SECTOR. ZEMSKOV RAISED OPENING OF SOVEXPORT FILM OFFICE THREE TIMES DURING COURSE OF 50-MINUTE MEETING. RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT SOVIET FILM OFFICE BEING HANDLED THROUGH OTHER OFFICES.

4. TELEVISION: ZEMSKOV CITED AGREEMENT BETWEEN NBC AND SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO AS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT IN PROMISING AND IMPORTANT CULTURAL FIELD WHICH SHOULD BE EXPANDED FURTHER. RICHARDSON AND ZEMSKOV AGREED THAT COVERAGE OF SPORTS AND PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS WOULD BE FRUITFUL, RICHARDSON NOTING SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF US CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN USSR.

5. MEDICINE: ZEMSKOV OBSERVED THAT WHILE COOPERATION IN HEALTH HAD BEEN LIMITED TO EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS, HE HOPED MORE PERSONAL CONTACTS COULD BE ARRANGED BETWEEN US AND SOVIET DOCTORS TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. RICHARDSON AGREED THAT PERSONAL TIES USEFUL BUT ADDED THAT HE HOPED PERSONAL INTERCHANGE COULD APPLY TO OTHER FIELDS AS WELL. RICHARDSON PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LAWYERS, E.G. IN INTERNATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL LAW. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHILE ZEMSKOV COULD NOT RESPOND TO PROPOSAL WITHOUT CHECKING INTEREST IN MOSCOW, HE CONSIDERED PROJECT WORTHWHILE. DETAILS OF THIS EXCHANGE TO BE WORKED OUT BY US OR SOVIET EMBASSY.

6. EDUCATION: ZEMSKOV CONSIDERS STATE OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES SATISFACTORY. ONLY SHORTCOMING IS LACK OF EXCHANGE AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVELS. RICHARDSON

NOTED EXISTENCE OF SMALL SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER EXCHANGE WHICH COULD BE EXPANDED AND INDICATED PRIORITY PREFERENCE FOR EXCHANGE OF SENIOR ACADEMIC PERSONNEL, PROFESSORS, PH.D'S, ETC. ZEMSKOV NOTED CONTINUING PROBLEM OF TEACHING OF RUSSIAN IN US WHICH WAS COVERED AT SUMMIT MEETINGS. RICHARDSON REMARKED ON DECLINE OF LANGUAGE TEACHING IN GENERAL IN US, BUT NOTED THAT SECRETARY WEINBERGER HAD DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH YELYUTIN. RICHARDSON MENTIONED THAT HE HOPED MINISTERS OF EDUCATION YELYUTIN AND PROKOFYEV WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO US. THOUGH TELEVISION STATIONS PRIVATELY CONTROLLED, US SIDE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF USING EDUCATIONAL TV IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION. RICHARDSON CONVEYED SKEPTICISM.

7. SPORTS: BOTH SIDES AGREED SPORTS RELATIONS ARE SATISFACTORY BUT THAT GREATER TV COVERAGE WOULD HELP REACH WIDER AUDIENCE.

8. ZEMSKOV SUGGESTED, WITHOUT MAKING CONCRETE PROPOSAL, THAT SOON US AND USSR WOULD CELEBRATE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOINT VICTORY OVER FASCISM AND THAT US MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN FINDING JOINT WAY TO COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT.

9. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON USEFULNESS OF SUCH MEETINGS AS WELL AS MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AT WORKING LEVELS TO ELIMINATE SHORTCOMINGS. WEAKNESSES ARE QUITE SMALL WHEN COMPARED TO BROAD SPECTRUM OF EXCHANGE ACTIVITY AND GENERAL PROGRESS IN ALL FIELDS.

10. MEETING TOOK PLACE DECEMBER 11 IN RICHARDSON'S OFFICE.
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